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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on April 14, 2006 concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory period for response expires on July 14, 2006, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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